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ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION HEARING DIVISION

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Re: GCWWTF Case/Docket No. SW 02519A-00-0638

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Yours truly,

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Ms. Marlies Golinau
5214 S. Desert Willow Dr.
Gold Carryon, AZ 85218

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CC: Commissioners Kristin K. Mayes, William Mundell, Marc Spitzer, Mike Gleasson, Apache Junction/Gold Canyon Independent, Apache Junction News, Sandie Smith, Pinal County Supervisor, Dennis Gibson, MBV Homeowners Assoc.

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Jeff Hatch-Miller, Chairman Arizona Corporation Commission Utilities Division 1200 Washington Street Phoenix, AZ 85007-2996



RE: GCWWTF Case # Docket No. SW-02519A-OO-0638 (Proposed Rate Increase by Gold Canyon Sewer Corp.)

Dear Mr. Hatch-Miller,

I am writing to formally address my concerns regarding the upcoming vote on the proposed rate increase by Gold Canyon Sewer Corp. to residents within the Gold Canyon, AZ area.

Approximately 8 years ago we moved into MountainBrook Village and at that time we were told by UDC (now Shea Homes) that the sewer treatment facility on US Highway 60 was adequate to handle present/future sewage needs. The rate was reasonable at that time and I had no objections to either the rate or the management of the sewer treatment facility. However, since that time other subdivisions have been built or are in the process of being built. It goes without saying that the treatment facility became inadequate and needed upgrading because of the additional demand put on the system.

My concern is that I do not feel that I and other customers who were hooked onto the sewer system prior to the time the newer subdivisions were developed should bear the cost of upgrades to the system. It is my opinion that the developers and newer homeowners are the parties necessitating the upgrades and that Gold Canyon Sewer Corp. should be assessing them (collectively) an upfront and monthly cost for the upgrades and not the entire Gold Canyon customer base.

I realize that a minimal increase is reasonable because of the increased costs of fuel, wages, etc., however, the rate increase Gold Canyon Sewer Corp. as proposed is unjustifiable and unreasonable.

I strongly urge you to vote against the proposed rate increase as presented by Gold Canyon Sewer Corp.

Sincerely,

Larry D. Ambrosier 8209 E. Mulligan Court

Gold Canyon, AZ 85218



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According to the local newspaper, GCSC's representative, Dave Kerr, stated: "I know it is a bit of a sticker shock, but we just completed a \$12 million investment in the Gold Canyon plant to expand it and to alleviate odor problems, and we deserve a return on our investment". During my career, I have started and developed three successful business enterprises. When we decided to expand those businesses, we either financed them ourselves, borrowed the necessary capital or sought investors to provide the funds. If we were not already realizing enough profit from our business to provide a reasonable return on our investment, we would not go forward with the expansion. What world does GCSC live in that they think they can simply charge their existing customers more so that they can expand their business, their customer base and their profits. I assure you their customers would abandon them overnight if they had a choice.

Furthermore, the odor problems Mr. Kerr referred to have not been resolved. I frequently play golf on the fairways immediately adjoining the GCSC plant, and I can attest to the fact that there are times when it is difficult to breath in the area. Shouldn't it be an integral part of a "treatment" plant's design to contain such odors? Perhaps, GCSC should pursue the matter with their architect/designer.

It is our understanding that GCSC's charter or grant to do business in Gold Canyon provides them the right to earn a 10% profit. If that is correct, I suggest that you implement an audit of GCSC's books and business to determine if they are currently realizing a profit – based upon the \$35 per month charge. If they are, how much? If too much, perhaps, a rate decrease is in order.

Sincerely, Elmin J. Direct

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cc: Commisioners Kristin K. Mayes, William Mundell, Marc Spitzer, Mike Gleasson Gold Canyon Community Associations United, Apache Junction/Gold Canyon Independent April 13, 2006

Mr. Jeff Hatch-Miller, Chairman Arizona Corporations Commission Utilities Division 1200 West Washington Phoenix, Arizona 85007-2996

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Dear Mr. Hatch-Miller,

My wife and I are opposed to the requested rate increase by the Gold Canyon Sewer Company. Their present rate of \$35.00/month far exceeds any sewer rate we have ever paid. Further, in other locations, sewer charges are calculated on water use, not a flat rate. The more you use, the more you pay.

When the Algonquin Water Services applied for the permit to expand the Gold Canyon sewer facility in 2003, the permit contained the statement, "Higher sewer fees are not anticipated to finance the expansion." When asked about upgrades and increase rates, we were told that the upgrades would be accomplished through paid-in capital and new development hook-ups.

In meetings held throughout the Gold Canyon service area before the expansion, Algonquin President Trevor Hill promised there would be no rate increase related to the upgrades and expansion, for five years. Now with the completion of the \$10 million upgrades, Algonquin Water Services L.L.C. has filed with the State Corporation commission seeking a 101 percent increase to the current sewer fees of \$35, raising our rate to \$70.34 and even with these upgrades the odor problems still exists.

In today's East Valley Tribune's Business section, SRP's Board of Directors decided to ABSORB \$95 million in increase costs to avoid an electric rate increase. (SRP can raise rates without the commission's approval).

We suggest that Algonquin follow the decision of SRP and NOT RAISE OUR RATES.

Sincerely yours'

Donald & Leann Juenemann

63456 S. Ginty Dr.

Gold Cányon, AZ 85218

Cc: Commissioners Kristin K. Mayes, William Mundell, Marc Spitzer, Mike Gleasson



Arizona Corporation Commission Consumer Inquiry and/or Complaint Form

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This form may be completed electronically, printed and mailed to:
Arizona Corporation Commission, Consumer Services Section, 1200 W. Washington St.
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Step 1

Before submitting a complaint to the ACC please visit this <u>link</u> to determine if the Commission regulates this service. If the company is regulated, please contact the company first. If you have already contacted your utility and are not satisfied with its response, please fill out this form and return the address above.

Step 2

YOUR NAME	DATE
LeRoy L. Salzbrun	4/11/06
ADDRESS	PHONE (HOME)
7394 E. Canyon Wren Dr.	(480) 983-8171
NAME THAT APPEARS ON THE BILL	ALTERNATE PHONE (DAYTIME)
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NAME OF THE UTILITY COMPANY	ACCOUNT NUMBER
Gold Canyon Sewer Corp.	1002258
E-MAIL ADDRESS	CHECK HERE TO CONFIRM THAT
bsalzbrun@aol.com	YOU HAVE ALREADY CONTACTED THE UTILITY (SEE STEP 1)

Step 3

PLEASE SUMMARIZE YOUR COMPLAINT OR INQUIRY:

We would very much resent a raise in the cost of our sewer rate. Particularly since they still have not resolved the odor problem.

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Please include copies of any documentation, such as bills, that our office would need to provide a response.

Mr & Mrs R E Rennemo 8254 E Sand Wedge Lane Gold Canyon, AZ 85218-5041



April 14, 2006

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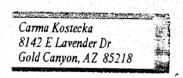
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April 8, 2006

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